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The Commercial Club

RGANIZED for the purpose of promoting the commercial and industrial welfare of the city and with an eye single to even a greater realization of accomplishments than those which have already made the city so singularly noted within the past decade. ¶ The Club embraces in its membership the leading business men in the city, representing practically the aggregate wealth and enterprise of Connersville. ¶ The second and third floors of the "New Theatre Building," which has just been completed, have been especially equipped as headquarters for The Commercial Club. ¶ Specific information relative to the city, touching upon any desirable feature, can be obtained by addressing

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB
Chamber of Commerce, New Theatre Building
Connersville, Indiana

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NESTLED in the picturesque valley of the White Water River and surrounded by a beautiful scenery of woodland and cultivated fields, orchards and meadow lands, rich bottoms and fertile highlands is located the pretty and progressive city of Connersville, Indiana. As the County Seat of Fayette County, the city is centrally located on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Indianapolis division of the C., H. & D. Railroad, also the White Water division of the C., C., C. & St. Louis, Lake Erie & Western, Fort Wayne, Cincinnati & Louisville, and the Indianapolis & Cincinnati Interurban. It is situated 68 miles west of Cincinnati, Ohio, and 57 miles east of the State Capitol, Indianapolis, Indiana.

John Conner, a hardy and shrewd pioneer, after whom the city was named, selected the present site about the year 1816. He laid off a small tract of land into town lots along the river bank, now known as Water Street, and then built a mill just above the town. This not only attracted patrons of the adjoining country, but induced others to erect log cabins on the well-chosen sight and thus converted the wilderness into a growing village.

In the spring of 1868 the population was estimated at 2,500, and steps were then taken looking to the change of the town to a city. At an election held June 16, 1869, the voters expressed themselves in favor of a city charter, which was procured and adopted, and the city ordered divided into wards. In 1890 the census report on the population of the growing city was 4,537, which number has increased to over 8,000. Embracing the adjacent suburbs of East Connersville, Edgewood and the new additions that have recently been platted out, will increase this number to over 10,000. The population is steadily increasing—families from every section of the country are seeking a place of abode and are erecting new homes in and about Connersville.

Looking South on Central Avenue from Fourth Street

Looking North on Central Avenue from Fourth Street

Looking East on Fifth Street from Central Avenue

Looking West on Fifth Street from Central Avenue

Looking South on Central Avenue from Sixth Street

Looking North on Central Avenue from Sixth Street

Looking East on Sixth Street from Central Avenue

Looking West on Sixth Street from Central Avenue

Fayette County Court House

City Hall—First Floor, Council Chamber and City Offices
Second Floor, Masonic Banquet Hall Third Floor, Masonic Assembly Hall

Sheriff's Residence

Odd Fellows' Building

Hackman-Heeb Company Building

Farmers' and Merchants' Trust Company

First National Bank Building

McFarlan Hotel and Office Building. V. K. Brown, Hotel Proprietor

The Buckley House

The New Theatre Building and Chamber of Commerce

Thomas Omnibus Railroad Transfer Line

City Fire Department

The Hydraulic and Water Works

One of the numerous automobiles seen on the avenues of Connersville

One of the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Traction Cars running into Connersville

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Passenger Train

Interior of Dining Car "Big Four" Railway, one of the roads running through Connersville

Maplewood School Building

Fifth Street School Building

Eighth Street School Building

High School Building

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Scene on the White Water River between the bridges

First Baptist Church and Manse

Grand Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church

First English Presbyterian Church

Central Christian Church

First Methodist Episcopal Church

First German Presbyterian Church

St. Gabriel's Catholic Church

Trinity Episcopal Church

Religious, Educational and Fraternities

ONNERSVILLE marches to the music of the church bells and is well provided with places for worship as is readily obvious to the spectator when he sees the heaven pointing spires of the churches representing the leading denominations of the various Christian organizations. Most of the churches are handsome ecclesiastical structures, occupying conspicuous sites, contributing much to the beauty of the city.

Public Schools—The school system of Connersville is a source of perennial pride and is conducted by well qualified directors, who insist on the best force of teachers. A fine high school and three graded and grammar schools constitute the physical equipment of the system. Two daily and three weekly papers are well patronized by an extensive list of regular subscribers. A public library, with a choice collection of the best publications, is liberally maintained. The professional class ranks high in degree and scholarship—the attorneys, physicians and accountants all standing at the head in repute.

Fraternities—The fraternal spirit of Connersville is exceptionally strong, as induced by the many and great varieties of its lodges. Most of them maintain well equipped club rooms for social intercourse and business purposes.

Second Methodist Episcopal Church

Mount Zion Baptist Church and Parsonage

Seventh Day Adventist Church and Apostolic Holiness Church

Residence of Mr. George B. Markle, "Elmhurst"

Surrounding Landscape of Mr. George B. Markle's Residence, "Elmhurst"

Homes

HE log cabins of pioneer days have yielded their space to commodious and handsome homes. The several Building Associations and other agencies have ever pursued a liberal policy in assisting laboring men to acquire their residence property. As a result the majority of families occupy their own homes and the city presents an attractive appearance as permanent improvement and adornment are everywhere apparent. Many new homes are annually erected and persons awaiting their completion for occupancy.

Connersville is proud of her beautiful public buildings, her well kept streets and over 50 miles of smooth, well shaded cement walks, the combined curb and guttering, and the general air of thrift and taste, which is apparent everywhere. The environment of the city is a never-ending delight. The drives are not only delightful by reason of the beauty of the contiguous country, but the uniform and well piked country roads render driving and wheeling ideally enjoyable. Within easy access is the beautiful Roberts Park embracing eighty acres of land perfectly designed by nature for park purposes. Thousands of people are annually attracted to this place by the great Fayette County Free Fair being unique and the only one of its kind in the great State of Indiana.

Equipments

CONNERSVILLE is abundantly supplied with public service utilities, gas, both natural and artificial, electric light, heat and power plant, two telephone exchanges and two telegraph companies. The water supply is well distributed throughout the city by a comprehensive system operated by the city. The city is provided with a sewer system which is being extended as rapidly as the exigencies demand without unduly burdening property owners. With the system is combined perfect surface drainage. The work of the fire department is most efficient. The police department well organized and disciplined, the service of the officers being such that the city has the reputation of being one of the most orderly in the State. The city is the center of the county system of daily rural free delivery, having ten routes, besides the regular city deliveries that are made two and three times daily. Eighteen passenger trains stop at the two stations daily. These, together with the hourly accommodations of the traction line, enable one to connect without delay for all points on the various main lines in the United States and Canada.

Residence of Hon. Francis T. Roots

Residence of Mr. E. Dwight Johnston

Residence of Mr. J. W. Faulkner

Residence of Mr. J. Edward McFarlan

Residence of Mr. Theodore P. Heinemann

Looking North on Central Avenue from Eleventh Street

Residence of Mr. James M. McIntosh

Residence of Mr. A. E. Leiter

Residence of Mr. P. H. Kensler

Residence of Mr. E. P. Hawkins

Residence of Mr. E. W. Ansted

Residence of Mr. E. V. Hawkins

Residence of Mr. Robert T. Huston

Residence of Mr. Joseph E. Huston

The Manufacturers' Club and the Merchants' Association

THE MANUFACTURERS' CLUB is an institution organized in the year 1900 by the different manufacturers of the city for the purpose of helping build up and improve the city by inducing other industries to locate here, and to lend their assistance and influence to such enterprises and affairs which might be of benefit to the community. Through their efforts a number of thriving manufacturing and other industries were recently located in Connersville. Matters pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the city's interest, or the location of new factories, will be gladly looked after by the Club. Interesting monthly meetings are held, and it is the ulterior aim of the Club to increase the population of Connersville to 20,000 inhabitants.

THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION is composed of the leading retailers of the city for the purpose of maintaining a permanent social feeling among the merchants of Indiana, to safeguard their interests, to abate trade abuses, injurious and unbusinesslike practices, to secure national, state and local legislation for the mutual protection of merchants, to protect the public against inferior qualities and short weights, and to discourage anything affecting a fair deal between the merchant and his patrons.

Parting of the Ways—Virginia and Central Avenues

Residence of Miss Jennie Shipley, Front View

Residence of Miss Jennie Shipley, Side View

Residence of Dr. J. R. Mountain

Residence of Mr. Lewis Ashworth

Country Home and Dairy of Mr. J. M. Webster

Residence of Mr. Adam J. Roth

Residence of Dr. H. M. Zehrung

Residence of Mr. W. M. Gregg

The German Presbyterian Manse

Residence of Mr. Wm. Basse

Residence of Mr. J. H. Fearis

Residence of Mr. A. E. Barrows

Residence of Mr. J. C. Turkenkoph

Residence of Mr. Samuel W. Beck

Residence of Mr. John Stoll

Residence of Mr. Jacob F. Stoll

Residence of Mr. Fred Neal

Residence of Mr. David W. McKee

Reed Street Terrace

Residence of Mr. Wm. Newkirk

Residence of Mr. J. B. McFarlan, Sr.

Residence of Mr. C. E. J. McFarlan

Residence of Mr. George R. Carter

Residence of Mr. Joseph I. Little

Residence of Mr. Chas. A. Rieman

Residence of Mr. J. H. Rieman

Catholic Sisters Home

Residence of Mr. J. T. Wilkin

Residence of Mr. E. W. Tatman

Residence of Mrs. J. H. Tatman

Residence of Mr. Chas. C. Hull

Residence of Mr. Andrew H. Rieman

Residence of Mr. John P. Brown

Residence of Mr. John E. Chitwood

Pavilion at Roberts' Park

Terraced Amphitheater and Race Course at Roberts' Park

Industries of Connersville

THE iron horse and its glistening roadway have practically made of Connersville a commercial center where industries have been prompted to locate, and through the technical and mechanical skill employed by them, have won for themselves a world-wide renown. They have all developed, from meager beginnings that were well managed, with perseverence and persistency. From the pioneers' stores sixty or more years ago have grown the stately emporiums and manufacturing establishments which line the streets of the city today. Starting with small beginnings, these establishments have one and all outgrown their quarters, and some of them have even been forced to multiply their space and capacity in order to meet the growing demand of their business. Several thousand are employed in the various establishments. Almost every branch of business is represented, embracing building material, wearing apparel, as well as the needs and luxuries of life.

As a natural corollary the farmers purchase liberally in the Connersville market, which offers them, as it does the residents of the city, superior facilities. The retail stocks in every line are large and comprehensive, and lively competition inures to the benefit of all.

Connersville's banking interests are composed of the First National, Fayette National Banks and the Farmers' & Merchants' Trust Co. They are the strongest support of the manufacturing and mercantile interests in the city, and, working in alliance with these interests in all their legitimate phases, each partakes of and sustains the other. Hence the banks of the city, like her business enterprises, are noted for their sound, energetic, yet conservative management, command the entire confidence of business men and capitalists, and hold high rank among the financial institutions of the country.

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Connersville Ice Plant

Stables Cold Storage Factory

Connersville Blower Co.—Elevated View of Plant

Connersville Blower Co.—Side View of Plant

Ansted Spring and Axle Works—Spring Works

Ansted Spring and Axle Works—Axle Works

Rex Buggy Company

Rex Spring Wagon Works

Rex Wheel Works

Central Manufacturing Company

Rex Shield and Manufacturing Company

George R. Carter Leather Works

McFarlan Carriage Company, East Building of Factory

McFarlan Carriage Company, West Building of Factory

Connersville Buggy Company

Connersville Lumber Company

Triumph Safe and Lock Company

Triple Sign Works—(Roots & Heinemann)

McCann's Roller Mills

Uhl & Snider Flour Mills

P. H. & F. M. Roots Foundry—Elevated View

P. H. & F. M. Roots Foundry—Rear View

Indiana Furniture Company

Light Heat and Power Company

Connersville Furniture Company

Residence of Mr. John M. Higgs

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Float Designed by the Elks, representing the Queen of the Free Fair

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